

## SUPPLEMENTAL REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION BY THE INVENTOR

Docket Number (Optional)  
BSI-430US8

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is described and claimed in patent number 5,855,598 granted January 5, 1999, and for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled EXPANDABLE SUPPORTIVE BRANCHED ENDOLUMINAL GRAFTS,

the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto.

☒ was filed on September 5, 2000 as reissue application number 09/657,041  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_  
(If applicable)

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

I verily believe the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid, for the reasons described below. (Check all boxes that apply.)

☐ by reason of a defective specification or drawing.

☒ by reason of the patentee claiming less than he had the right to claim in the patent.

☐ by reason of other errors.

At least one error upon which reissue is based is described below. If the reissue is a broadening reissue, such must be stated with an explanation as to the nature of the broadening:

This reissue is a broadening reissue. At least the following errors exist as a basis for this reissue:

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## (REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION BY THE INVENTOR, page 2)

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All errors corrected in this reissue application arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant. As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

Name(s)

Registration Number

Jonathan H. Spadt

45,122

Paul F. Prestia

23,031

(additional listed on attached sheet)

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine and imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this declaration is directed.

Full name of sole or first inventor (given name, family name)

Leonard Pinchuk

Inventor's signature

Residence

Miami, Florida

Date

Mailing Address

13704 SW 92 Court  
Miami, Florida 33176Citizenship  
USA

Full name of second joint inventor (given name, family name)

Rysler Alcime

Inventor's signature

Date

Residence

Miami, Florida

Citizenship  
USAMailing Address 925 N.E. 122th Street  
Miami, Florida 33161

Full name of third joint inventor (given name, family name)

Yasushi Kato

Inventor's signature

Date

Residence

Pembroke Pines, Florida 33029

Citizenship  
USA

Mailing Address

311 S.W. 187th Avenue  
Pembroke Pines, Florida 33029☐ Additional joint inventors are named on separately numbered sheets attached hereto.

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Full name of sole or first inventor (given name, family name) Leonard Pinchuk			
Inventor's signature		<i>Leonard Pinchuk</i>	
Residence Miami, Florida		Date <i>October 2, 2003</i>	
Mailing Address 13704 SW 92 Court Miami, Florida 33176		Citizenship USA	
Full name of second joint inventor (given name, family name) Rysler Alcime			
Inventor's signature		Date	
Residence Miami, Florida		Citizenship USA	
Mailing Address 925 N.E. 122th Street Miami, Florida 33161			
Full name of third joint inventor (given name, family name) Yasushi Kato			
Inventor's signature		Date	
<i>Yasushi Kato</i>		<i>Oct. 02, 2003</i>	
Residence Pembroke Pines, Florida 33029		Citizenship <del>USA</del> JAPAN <i>YOK</i> <i>10/2/03</i>	
Mailing Address 311 S.W. 187th Avenue Pembroke Pines, Florida 33029			
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional joint inventors are named on separately numbered sheets attached hereto.			

ADDED PAGE TO COMBINED DECLARATION  
AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR SIGNATURE BY JOINT INVENTOR(S)  
ON BEHALF OF NON-SIGNING INVENTOR(S) WHO REFUSE(S)  
TO SIGN OR CANNOT BE REACHED. (37 CFR 1.47(a))

- I. WE are the above named joint inventors and have signed this declaration on our own behalf and also sign this declaration under 37 CFR 1.47(a) on behalf of the nonsigning joint inventors, particulars from whom are:

Full name of first Rysler Alcime nonsigning inventor who

- ☐ refuses to sign  
☒ cannot be found or reached

United States of America

Country of Citizenship of nonsigning inventor

925 N.E. 122th Street, Miami, Florida 33161

Last known address of nonsigning inventor

- II. Accompanying this declaration is:

- (1) A STATEMENT OF FACTS IN SUPPORT OF FILING ON BEHALF OF  
NON-SIGNING INVENTORS  
(2) THE PETITION FEE OF \$130.00

Leonard Pinchuk

(type or print name of joint inventor  
signing on behalf of nonsigning inventor)

Leonard Pinchuk 2/6/04  
Signature

Yasushi Kato

(type or print name of joint inventor  
signing on behalf of nonsigning inventor)

Yasushi Kato Feb 06 '2004  
Signature

**DECLARATION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a)**

This Declaration is being made in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 116, 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) and M.P.E.P. 409.03 *et seq.* because inventor Rysler Alcime cannot be reached after diligent effort, or because he refuses to sign. The facts as set forth below support the applicant's position that one of these two situations exists. The applicants ask, therefore, that the captioned Reissue Application proceed in the name of all three named inventors listed on the Supplemental Reissue Application Declaration attached hereto. What follows is a recitation of facts supporting this request made by the Attorney of Record in the captioned case.

This statement is being made by the available person having first-hand knowledge of the facts recited therein.

**IDENTIFICATION OF PERSON MAKING THIS STATEMENT OF FACTS**

Jonathan H. Spadt, Esquire  
Attorney of Record  
U.S. Serial No. 09/657,041

1. On January 5, 1999, U.S. Patent No. 5,855,598 (the '598 Patent) issued to Corvita Corporation and listed as the sole inventor, Leonard Pinchuck.
  2. On August 18, 2000, a Petition to Correct Inventorship of the '598 Patent was filed which listed three inventors, namely Leonard Pinchuck, Rysler Alcime, and Yasushi Kato. Included in that filing was a Statement Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.324(b)(1) signed by Rysler Alcime.
  3. On September 5, 2000, a Reissue Application was filed for the '598 Patent which was assigned Serial No. 09/657,041. An unexecuted Reissue Application Declaration accompanied that filing, the unexecuted declaration naming all three inventors, namely Leonard Pinchuck, Rysler Alcime, and Yasushi Kato.
  4. On September 30, 2003, a Supplemental Reissue Application Declaration was sent to each inventor for signature, including Rysler Alcime. That document was sent via Federal Express® to:  
925 N.E. 122<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Miami, Florida 33161
- Receipt was confirmed on October 1, 2003 by R. Branchedor. A copy of the relevant confirmation information is attached hereto at Exhibit A.
5. Having not received the executed Supplemental Reissue Application Declaration back from Rysler Alcime, it was again sent, on October 23, 2003, to the same address as the one sent on September 30, 2003, via DHL® courier. Receipt was confirmed on October 24, 2003, by a Z. Alcime. A copy of the relevant confirmation information is attached hereto at Exhibit B.

6. Upon still not having received the executed Supplemental Reissue Application Declaration, a telephone number was found for Rysler Alcime at the above address and a phone call was made to him (at (305) 895-8747) on each of 5 different occasions by the below-named signatory between October 26 and November 14, 2003. No answering machine picked up on any of those occasions and no one answered the phone on any occasion (except for the one instance detailed in paragraph 7). In each case the phone rang for over 15 rings.

7. On one of those occasions, a person answered the telephone and when asked, claimed not to be Rysler Alcime. The person was rather incoherent, and when the below-named signatory asked if the person would take a message and ask Mr. Alcime to call back when he returned, the person responded, "No, you call back later" and hung up.

8. On November 17, 2003, the below-named signatory called the same number and did get an answering machine. A message was left requesting a return call but to date no return call has been received.

9. During the week of November 10, 2003, the below-named signatory called a co-inventor on the Reissue Application, namely Leonard Pinchuk, and inquired about the whereabouts of Mr. Alcime. Dr. Pinchuk responded that he did not know Mr. Alcime's whereabouts, but that he had heard that Mr. Alcime had started an import/export business trading with Haiti and that he did spend several weeks at a time in Haiti.

10. In early December, 2003, the below-named signatory received a call from someone claiming to be Rysler Alcime's wife. The caller indicated that Rysler Alcime was traveling overseas but that he was going to return in late December and would then look at the documents.

11. On or about January 20, 2004, when no word had yet been received from Rysler Alcime, phone calls were again placed to (305) 895-8747 on several occasions, totaling at least 6 times, through January 29, 2004. No contact or answering machine pick-up was achieved.

12. The name and last known address of the non-signing inventor is:

Rysler Alcime  
925 N.E. 122<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Miami, Florida 33161

13. For all of the above reasons, the applicants of this Reissue Application believe that a *bona fide* effort has been made to ascertain the whereabouts of Mr. Alcime and obtain his signature on the declaration, and that he either is refusing to join or has not been found after diligent effort. Accordingly, the applicants respectfully request that the Supplemental Reissue Application Declaration enclosed be accepted as executed by Leonard Pinchuk and Yasushi Kato.

14. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

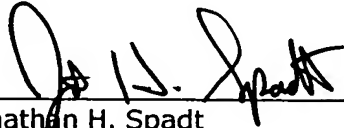
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Jonathan H. Spadt



EXHIBIT A



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Detailed Results

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<b>Signed for by</b>	R.BRANCHDOR	<b>Delivered to</b>	Recipient
<b>Ship date</b>	Sep 30, 2003	<b>Delivery location</b>	MIAMI FL
<b>Delivery date/Time</b>	Oct 1, 2003 9:42 am	<b>Service type</b>	Priority Envelope

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Date/Time	Status	Location	Comments
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	8:15 am	On FedEx vehicle for delivery	NORTH MIAMI BEACH FL
	7:39 am	Arrived at FedEx Destination Location	NORTH MIAMI BEACH FL
	7:02 am	Left FedEx Ramp	FORT LAUDERDALE FL
	4:17 am	Arrived at FedEx Ramp	FORT LAUDERDALE FL
	3:41 am	Left FedEx Sort Facility	NEWARK NJ
	12:42 am	Left FedEx Ramp	PHILADELPHIA PA
	12:24 am	Arrived at Sort Facility	NEWARK NJ
	Sep 30, 2003	8:44 pm	Arrived at FedEx Ramp
8:10 pm		Left FedEx Origin Location	KING OF PRUSSIA PA
4:56 pm		Pickup status	KING OF PRUSSIA PA

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Memphis, TN 38116

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Memphis, TN 38194-4643

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11/17/2003

Dear Customer:

Here is the proof of delivery for the shipment with tracking number **792979518324**. Our records reflect the following information.

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**Delivery Information:**

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Signed For By: R.BRANCHADOR



Delivery Location: 925 N.E. 122TH STREET

Delivery Date: October 1, 2003

Delivery Time: 0942

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**Shipping Information:**

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Tracking No: 792979518324

Ship Date: September 30, 2003

Recipient:  
RYSLER ALCIME

925 N.E. 122TH STREET  
MIAMI, FL 33161  
US

Shipper:  
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## EXHIBIT B

**These are the results of your query**

Waybill Number	Origin Service Area	Destination Service Area	Status
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▶ 8789223004 ▶ King Of Prussia, PA - USA ▶ Miramar, FL - USA Signed for by: Z ALCIME

Shipment delivered: October 24, 2003 10:46 ✓

**8789223004 - Detailed Report**

Date	Time	Location Service Area	Checkpoint Details
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October 23, 2003	21:50	King Of Prussia, PA - USA	Departed from King Of Prussia, PA - USA
October 24, 2003	02:07	Cincinnati, OH - USA	Arrived at DHL Hub Cincinnati, OH - USA
October 24, 2003	05:28	Cincinnati, OH - USA	Departed from DHL Hub Cincinnati, OH - USA
October 24, 2003	06:21	Miami, FL - USA	Arrived at DHL Gateway Miami, FL - USA
October 24, 2003	08:28	Miramar, FL - USA	Arrived at DHL facility
October 24, 2003	08:34	Miami, FL - USA	Departed from DHL Gateway Miami, FL - USA
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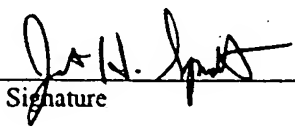
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<p>1. Name of conveying party(ies): <u>Leonard Pinchuk; Rysler Alcime; Yasushi Kato</u></p> <p>Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>3. Nature of Conveyance:  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assignment <input type="checkbox"/> Merger  <input type="checkbox"/> Security Agreement <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Name  <input type="checkbox"/> Correction of Assignment Recordation          (previously recorded at Reel __, Frame __).  <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>Execution Date: <u>August 18, 2000</u></p>	<p>2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):          Name: <u>Corvita Corporation</u>          Internal Address: <u>8210 N.W. 27th Street</u>          Street Address: _____          City: <u>Miami</u> State: <u>FL</u> ZIP: <u>33122</u>          Additional name(s) &amp; address(es) attached? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>
<p>4. Application number(s) or patent number(s):          If this document is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the application is: ____          A. Patent Application Number(s) ____ B. Patent Number(s) ____</p> <p>Additional number(s) attached? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>	
<p>5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:          Name: <u>Jonathan H. Spadt</u></p> <p>Internal Address: <u>Ratner &amp; Prestia</u></p> <p>Street Address: <u>Suite 301, One Westlakes, Berwyn,</u>  <u>P.O. Box 980</u>          City: <u>Valley Forge</u> State: <u>PA</u> ZIP: <u>19482-0980</u></p>	<p>6. Total number of applications and patents involved: _____</p> <p>7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41): \$ <u>40.00</u>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed  <input type="checkbox"/> Authorized to be charged to deposit account</p> <p>8. Deposit account number: <u>18-0350</u>          (Attach duplicate copy of this page if paying by deposit account.)</p>

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<p>9. Statement and signature.  <i>To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.</i></p> <p><u>Jonathan H. Spadt</u>          Name of Person Signing</p> <p><u>45,122</u>          Registration. No.</p> <p>          Signature</p> <p><u>SEPT. 5, 2000</u>          Date</p>		
<p>Total number of pages including cover sheet, attachments, and document: <u>3</u></p>		
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, Rylser Alcime of 925 N.W. 122th Street, Miami, Florida 33161 and Yasushi Kato of 311 South West, 187<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Pembroke Pines, FL 33029, (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNOR") have made an invention entitled EXPANDABLE SUPPORTIVE BRANCHED ENDOLUMINAL GRAFTS, Application Number 863,964, filed May 27, 1997, which matured into U.S. Patent No. 5,855,598;

WHEREAS, the ASSIGNEE, Corvita Corporation, 8210 N.W. 28<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Miami, FL 33122 a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Florida is desirous of acquiring the entire interest in and to said invention and the Letters Patent issued therefor;

LP 8/18/00  
W/let 8/18/00  
RA 8/18/00

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and of other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned, intending to be legally bound, does hereby sell, assign and transfer to the ASSIGNEE the ASSIGNOR'S entire right, title and interest, for the United States of America, its territories and possessions, and for all foreign countries, in said invention, including said letters patent all divisions and continuations thereof, all rights to claim priority based thereon, all rights to file foreign applications on said invention, and all reissues thereof, issuing for said invention in the United States of America and in any and all foreign countries.

It is agreed that ASSIGNOR shall be legally bound, upon request and at the expense of the ASSIGNEE or its successors or assigns or a legal representative thereof, to supply all information and evidence of which the undersigned has knowledge or possession, relating to the making and practice of said invention, to testify in any legal proceeding relating thereto, to execute all instruments and do such other acts as may be necessary and proper to patent the invention in the United States of America and foreign countries in the name of the ASSIGNEE and to execute all instruments proper to carry out the intent of this instrument.

ASSIGNOR hereby warrants that no assignment, sale, agreement or encumbrance has been or will be made or entered into which would conflict with this Assignment.

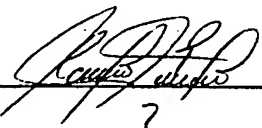
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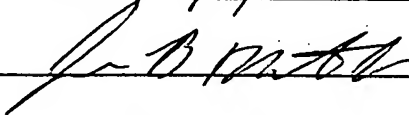
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Typed Name: Rylser Alcime

  
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Signature

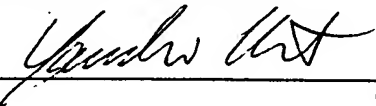
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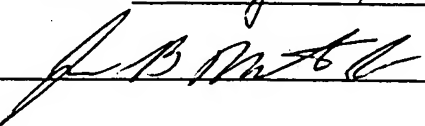
ASSIGNOR:

Typed Name: Yasushi Kato

  
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Signature

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Applicants: Leonard Pinchuk, Yasushi Kato :  
                  Rylser Alcime :  
Patent No.: 5,855,598 :  
Issued: January 5, 1999 :  
For: EXPANDABLE SUPPORTIVE :  
BRANCHED ENDOLUMINAL GRAFTS :

CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE TO REISSUE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

S I R :

Corvita Corporation is the assignee of the entire and undivided interest in the above-mentioned Letters Patent as evidenced by the assignment information filed herewith. The assignment from Leonard Pinchuk to Corvita Corporation was recorded in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office at reel 8762, frame 0184. A copy of the executed assignments to Corvita Corporation from inventors Yasushi Kato and Rylser Alcime is attached. These assignments will be recorded upon acceptance of the Petition For Correction of Inventorship of Patent pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.324, filed for U.S. Patent No. 5,855,598, the patent for which reissue is sought.

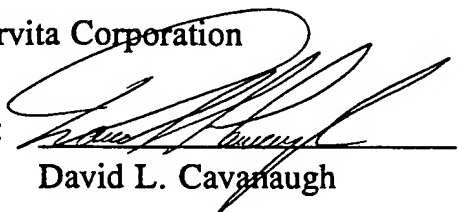
Corvita Corporation hereby consents to this application for reissue. The undersigned is empowered to sign this statement on behalf of the assignee, as evidenced by the attached Power of Attorney. More

generally, Corvita Corporation is owned by Boston Scientific Corporation.

Dated: 8/22/00

Corvita Corporation

By:

  
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Title: Patent Attorney  
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Applicant: Leonard Pinchuk : Art Unit: 3738  
Patent No.: 5,855,598 : Examiner: M. Milano  
Issued: January 5, 1999 :  
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BRANCHED ENDOLUMINAL GRAFTS :

STATEMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.324(b)(1)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

S I R :

I, Rysler Alcime, one of the added inventors in the above identified issued patent, hereby declare that the error in inventorship stated in U.S. Patent No. 5,855,598 occurred without any deceptive intent on my part. I understand that a Petition to Correct Inventorship is filed herewith.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein are of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-identified application or any patent issued thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Rysler Alcime

8/18/2000  
Dated

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S I R :

I, Yasushi Kato, one of the added inventors in the above identified issued patent, hereby declare that the error in inventorship stated in U.S. Patent No. 5,855,598 occurred without any deceptive intent on my part. I understand that a Petition to Correct Inventorship is filed herewith.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein are of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-identified application or any patent issued thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Yasushi Kato

Aug 18, 2000  
Dated

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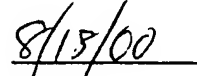
S I R :

I, Leonard Pinchuk, the original named inventor in the above issued patent, hereby declare that I agree to the correction of inventorship of U.S. Patent No. 5,855,598 to add Rylser Alcime and Yasushi Kato as co-inventors, as requested in the Petition filed herewith.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein are of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-identified application or any patent issued thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Leonard Pinchuk

  
Dated

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**STATEMENT OF CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE TO CHANGE OF  
INVENTORSHIP PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.324(b)(3)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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S I R :

I, David L. Cavanaugh, represent that I am a Patent Attorney with Boston Scientific Corporation, of One Boston Scientific Place, Natick, MA 10760-1537; that I am authorized to act on behalf of Boston Scientific Corporation; that I have authority to act on behalf of Corvita Corporation with regard to any matters before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office by virtue of Boston Scientific's ownership of Corvita Corporation and the attached "Authorization to Act on Behalf of Assignee"; that Corvita Corporation is the owner by assignment of all right, title, and interest in and to U.S. Patent No. 5,855,598 via previously recorded assignment to Corvita Corporation (copy enclosed) recorded at the PTO on October 20, 1997 at Reel 8762, Frame 0184; and that neither the subject patent nor the subject invention have been assigned to any other entity. Thus, the extent of Corvita Corporation's interest is in the whole of the subject invention.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.324(b)(3) and as a duly authorized representative of Corvita Corporation, I hereby give the consent of Boston Scientific Corporation, as assignee of the above-identified application, to the change of inventorship in the above-identified application from Leonard Pinchuk to Leonard Pinchuk, Rysler Alcime and Yasushi Kato as joint inventors.

Respectfully submitted,



David L. Cavanaugh  
Patent Attorney  
Boston Scientific Corporation

8/10/00  
Dated

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